

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-231 (cancelled)

Claim 232 (Currently amended). A composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of vitamins, and minerals and excipients,

wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with ~~a suitable carrier~~ the excipients,

wherein the vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and niacin, and the minerals ~~include active and inactive minerals, including~~ and excipients, ~~which~~ comprise calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in the amount of 1 mg, and

wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 233 (Currently amended). A composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of vitamins, and minerals and excipients, wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with ~~a suitable carrier~~ the excipients,

wherein said vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, niacin, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and said minerals and excipients comprise calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in the amount of 1 mg,

wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene,

wherein said Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> is thiamine mononitrate,

wherein said Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> is pyridoxine,

wherein said niacin comprises niacinamide,

wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide,  
wherein said zinc is zinc oxide,  
wherein said copper is chelated copper, and  
wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 234 (Currently amended)      A composition ~~comprising~~ consisting of vitamins, and minerals ~~and excipients, wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with a suitable carrier~~ the excipients, wherein said vitamins ~~comprise~~ consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, niacin, and said minerals ~~include active and inactive minerals, including and~~ excipients, which comprise calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper, wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg, and wherein said composition is administrable to a patient.

Claim 235 (Previously presented)      The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene.

Claim 236 (Previously presented)      The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin D is cholecalciferol.

Claim 237 (Previously presented)      The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin C is ascorbic acid.

Claim 238 (Previously presented)      The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> is thiamine mononitrate.

Claim 239 (Previously presented)      The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>2</sub> is riboflavin.

Claim 240 (Previously presented)      The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> is pyridoxine hydrochloride.

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| Claim 241 (Previously presented) | The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> is cyanocobalamin. |
| Claim 242 (Previously presented) | The composition of claim 234, wherein said niacin is niacinamide.                     |
| Claim 243 (Previously presented) | The composition of claim 234, wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide.              |
| Claim 244 (Previously presented) | The composition of claim 234, wherein said zinc is zinc oxide.                        |